RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1911.

WILL NOT MOLEST OFFICE HOLDERS

Judge Skeen Makes Promise in Election Fraud Probe.

NO CONFESSIONS YETRECEIVED

Voters Acknowledge Guilt, Investigation Will Be Continued by Grand Jury in February-Conditions in . Dickenson Alleged to Be Worse Than in Lee.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] stol, Va., December 22 .- Officehold votes are alleged to have been bought and sold in wholesale numbers, will be permitted to hold their offices unchallenged, according to Judge II. A. W. Skeen, who has been conducting the grand jury probe into election irregularities. This promise was made, it was stated to day to easy

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Commonwealth's Attorney Ely, of Lee county, stated to-night that he had been instructed by Judge Skeen not to cause the arrest of any of the men indicted in connection with the whole-sale debauchery of the electorate of Lee county. Judge Skeen mot to cause the arrest of any of the men indicted in connection with the whole-sale debauchery of the electorate of Lee county. Judge Skeen will deal gently with the large number of vote sellers already indicted, in the hope of getting probably 1,060 confessions, without the expense and delay of a continued, long drawn out grand jury investigation. No confessions were received to-day.

In order to give the vote sellers and in the content of the menter of the selection of the contrary, he has told me repeatedly that he is not a candistic. Colonel Roosevelt and myself were abourd a train some ten days ago, and then the matter came up in conversation from something in the news.

by vote buyers, unuer and buyers the vote sellers afess they will all be indicted in the foreast that he gave only \$500 of the \$11,000 which Republican candidates put up, in addition to what was spent for them. It is actively engaged in the prosecution, and Judge Skeen has his sympathy in the lead, although Lee is a decisively Republican county. From the figures given the grand jury, the grand jury in the lead, although the grand jury in the lead grand jury in the l

there three weeks. It is learned to-night, however, that Dickenson county will be the scene of the next grand jury investigation, and that it is believed that 1,500 to 2,000 floaters in that county have been selling their votes.

ANOTHER WITNESS HELD

Avis Linnell's Roommate Placed Under

Bond of \$500.

Boston, December 22.—Pollowing the holding of Charles S. Pierce, a Newton theological institution student, in \$300 honds yesterday as a witness in the trial of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of Avis Linnell, it became known to-day that another witness had furnished bonds for appearance at the trial. Miss Luncille L. Zeigler, roommate of Miss Linnell at the Young Woman's Christian Association dormitory, was held under \$500 bends.

Although Richeson's counsel, William A, Morse, after visiting his client in jail to-day, said he appeared very weak, Dr. Howard Lothop, who performed the operation on the prisoner after Richeson had mutilated himself Wednesday, said that the battent was "getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances," and that unless unforescen complications developed he should be able to attend the trial on January 15.

Attorney Morse said the defense had no plans to announce yet, and could do little until Richeson regained sufficient strength to enable his counsel to converse with him at length.

FIGHT OVER CHRISTMAS TREE

ACT OF FRIENDSHIP

Sheldon Wrote Letter at Request o Roosevelt.

NOVELIST FOUND DEAD

was from heart disease.

Testimony at the inquest was that she had long been addicted to the use of drugs and a few months ago was permitted to leave a sanatorium to which she had been committed. She complained of illness two days ago, and her friends believe that the drug was taken by her in an effort to relieve her suffering.

For many years she had been prominent in literary circles and her novels were popularly supposed to reveal thinly velled phases of society life in Chicago. In 1902 she was married to John D. Black and was divorced by him in 1910, shortly before she was sent to the sanatorium.

CRITICIZES SUPREME COURT

Senator Owen Declares it is "Bulwark of Privileges."

Oklahoma City, December 22.—Declaring the Supreme Court of the United States Senator Williams become a bulwark of privileges." United States Senator Robert L. Owen at to-day's session of the State Bar Association, replied to an arraignment of the judiciary recall by Judge B. C. Stuart.

Senator Owen said he did not impugn the motives or honesty of the United States Supreme Court judges, but that "all were influenced by their previous training and associations."

"Every man who has gone on that bench since the transmississippi rate case has been in favor of writing into the laws the word "unreasonable," which Congress refused to put there," said Senator Owen.

CONDITION IS FAVORABLE

Following Argument, Ascd Man Kills

Daughter's Flance.

New York, December 22.—Joseph
Cosgrove and his friend, John Gaddle
were trimming a Christmas tree for
Cosgrove's grandchildren in their
home on Thirteenth Street, Brooklyn,
late last night, when the men got into
an argument over the artistic fitness
of certain ornaments. According to
the police, Cosgrove, who is sixtythree years old, knocked Gaddle down,
and then, while the children looked on,
cut Gaddle's throat with a carving
knife, Gaddle died aimost instantly,
Gaddle was engaged to be married to
Cosgrove's daughter.

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an infringement of the treaty, the House of Representatives voted a resolution for its abrogation.

View is Unfounded.

"There cannot be any doubt that this view is unfounded. The Russian government and its representatives abroad cannot but fuifil the requirements of the Russian law contained in paragraphs 213 to 235 of the passport statute, and paragraph 819 and the following ones of the law on social rights, as long as these remain in force.

"On the other hand, the question of "On the other hand, the question of the admission or nonadmission into Russia of categories of foreigners belongs to the province of internal legislation upon the general principles or international law as well as on the strength of article I. of the treaty of

steadfast in his decision not to accept a republican form of government for China as the price of peace within the empire. Members of the Premier's entourage reiterated to a that Yuan never will advise the abdication of the Emperor and thereby become traiter. They say that if the formation of a republic is unavoidable, he will resign as Premier. steadfast in his decision not to accept charg

The jury will be closely guarded during the adjournment of court, and the twelve men, all of whom are married, will be obliged to eat their Christmas dinner at a downtown

inancially.

Should a definite breach come, with an imperial government in the North and a republic in the South, Yuan possibly could obtain money, though in fear of a boycott by the republican provinces, the legations have stated that loans must be for the peaceful administration of the country only. The government is continuing its so-called patriotic loans, which are more or less enforced from the princes and high officials.

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December 22.-Although re-Japanese military interven-

completed to send an expedition to China in the event of necessity. The belief prevails here that the Shangifai Peace Conference is a pretext on the part of both the revolutionists and the imperialists in order that they may strengthen their military posi-

FIVE TAKEN IN CUSTODY

vestigation of the entire packing industry, and submitted his report to
Congress. Many of the questions
raised in this case were considered at
length in that report.

"The Garfield report admits that
packing industry as conducted enables
the farmer to get a high price for his
cattle and allows the consumer to get
his meat at a lower price than if he

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ing Company had never been used by the packers to control prices.

He said the earnings of that corpo-ration had never exceeded 10.74 per cent. on its capital stock, and that its profits on sales had never exceeded 1.59 per cent.

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Attorney John S. Miller, representing the Armour interests, concluded the opening statements of counsel for the defense. He said meat prices were regulated by the natural law of superiors of demand and ridiculed the sugregulated by the hall had be sup-ply and demand, and ridiculed the sug-gestion that the indicted packers had the power to control the meat busi-ness of the country, even if they so

RESPECT FOR UNIFORMS

FIVE TAKEN IN CUSTODY

Arrests Follow Discovery of Partly Dismembered Body of Young Woman. Boston, December 22.—Five persons were taken in custody after the discovery by the police to-day of the partly dismembered body of Miss Mary Boldue, aged twenty-two years, of Manchester, N. J., in the apartment of Mrs. Jennie A. Shattuck, at Jamaica Plain. The discovery followed receipt of word from the Manchester authorities that they had been informed by a physician that a woman was dead in that house. Medical Examiner Leary, following a supercial autopsy, announced that death was due to an illegal operation.

The police at once began an investigation, and within a few hours Mrs. Shattuck and Miss Hattle M. Hazlett, of Cambridge, were arrested at the former's apartment, and Dr. John 1). Ferguson and a clerk in his office, Miss O'Neill, were dotained in Manchester at the request of the Boston offices. No formal charges have been lodged against them, however.

To-night the police of Fitchburg arrested Anna W. Redd, aged fifty, on a charge of murder in connection with the deith of Miss Boldue.

The Manchester police say that the physician there told them Miss Boldue calley at his office and asked for treatment, which he refused. She then secured lodgings in Boston. Last Wednesday he was informed that the young woman was dead. He came to Boston and identified the body, and to-day laid the matter before the police. saliation upon the general principles of international laws as well as on the international laws as well as on the company of the company of

REINDEER MEAT AS FOOD

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Washington, December 22.—Raindeer meat from Alaska may be a food common to the American table in the near tuture to supplement the dwindling beef supply. This was the opinion expressed to-day by William F. Lopp, in charge of the government's rain-deer service, who has just returned from a 14,600 tour of inspection through Alaska on behalf of the United States Bureau of Education, which administers the reindeer in the Northern peninsular.

"A commercial shipment of reindeer meat, the first made in to this country, has just been received at Seattle," said Mr. Lopp. "In twenty-five years from now, at the present rate of increase, there should be 3,000,000 prime beef reindeer in Alaska, on which the people of this country can depend for much of their fresh diet.

"In taste reindeer meat is a cross between mutton and beef, but more palatable than either. Reindeer can be raised more cheaply than cattle, because they will thrive on wastes so barren that even goats would starve there. There are 400,000 square miles of frozen tundra in Alaska fit for nothing else, but which as reindeer ranches would provide abundant pasturage for 10,000,000 of the animals.

"Resindeer raising." Mr. Lopp explained, "was introduced into Alaska about twenty years ago by the government, originally as a benevolent and educational enterprise, to raise the civilization of the natives from the hunting to the tastoral stage. There are 33,000 of the animals there, of which 20,000 belong to the natives."

ESTRADA DIES SUDDENLY

President of Republic of Ecuador

Passes Away.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, December 22.—

Emilo Estrada, president of the republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight.

The news of President Estrada's death came as a shock this morning to the people of Guayaquil. The chief executive was sixty-flvg years old, and though he had been ill for several months he felt better on Thursday, and spent the entire day attending to official matters. At midnight he suffered a relapse, and suddenly expired, the cause of death being a complication of diseases affecting the heart and kidneys.

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DECISION ON OYSTERS

Floated in Brackish Water Will Be Considered as Adulterated.

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Washington, December 22.—Oysters floated in brackish water for fattening purposes hereafter will be considered as adulterated under the pure food and drugs act, according to a decision by the Pure Food Board. The decision will not be final until signed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

Under a decision last year oysters were allowed to be fattened in "water of a less saline content than that in which oysters will properly mature."

FATAL FIRES IN NEW YORK

Man's Charred Body Found Woman Burned to Death Woman Burned to Death, Now York, December 22.—Two fatal lres occurred in the city early to-sight. One burst out in a spectacular nanner in the seven-story terminal varehouse at Thirteenth Avenue and Twenty-deighth Street, and drove a

near the freight elevator, and was identified as that of "Gus" Roth, a varnisher. The fire caused a loss of \$50,000.

Mrs. Mary Lawrence, aged sixty years, was found burned almost beyond recognition in her apartment in a downtown building when a fire in the house was extinguished. She had evidently been using an inflammable fluid for killing insects, and the police believe that this took fire in some way and caught on her clothes.

FUNERAL OF JOHN BIGELOW Brief Service at House Precedes Church

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Naw York, December 22.—Funeral services over the body of John Bigelow, who died December 19, at the age of ninety-four years, were held to-day in St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church, Previous to the ceremony at the church, brief services, attended by members of the family only were held at the old Bigelow residence, in Grammercy Park.

J. Pierpont Morgan, a pall-bearer, was one of the first to reach the church. Soon after Androw Carnegie and General Daniel J. Siekles came is, and before the cortege had left the house the church was well filled. The service was read by Bishop Greer, assisted by the Rey. Hugh Birckhead, rector of St. George's, and the Rey. Julian K. Smyth, pastor of the Church of the New Jerusalem.

Besideg Mr. Morgan, the pall-bearers were Joseph Choate, 1. T. V. Randolph and Scott Poster. A special train conveyed the body to Highland Falls this afternoon, where it was buried by the eide of Mr. Bigelow's wife.

SHUSTER NOTIFIED OF HIS DISMISSAL

Persia Concedes All Points in Russian Ultimatum.

COUNCIL YIELDS AFTER THREATS

Before Expiration of 24-Hour Limit Set by Czar's Government Official Notice of Acceptance Is Made at Foreign Office-Apology and Indemnity.

St. Petersburg, December 22.-The Persian charge d'affaires called officially at the Foreign Office this afternoon and announced that Persia had yielded to Russia's demand. He had an audience with M. Sazonoff, the foreign secretary, and in the name of the Persian government formally declared that Persia would concede all the points mentioned in the Russian ulti-

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A telegram received here from Teheran says that W. Morgan Shuster, the Treasurer-General of Persia, has been notified of his dismissal, and that the Persian government has the that the Persian government has in-structed the local authorities to cease hostilities and enter into negotiations with the Russian consuls to restore normal conditions.

Terms of Ultimatum.

St. Petersburg. December 22.—The Russian ultimatum, to the terms of which Persia has now acceded, was delivered to the Persian government by the Russian minister at Teheran on November 29. It demanded, besides the dismissal of Mr. Shuster, an apology from the Persian government on account of its interference with the property of Persians under Russian protection, and also the payment of an indemnity to Russia for the expenditure she had incurred in sending troops to Persian territory. The National Council decilined at first to comply with Russia's demands, although the Cabinet was inclined to do so. Yesterday Russia threatened to order the advance of 4,000 troops of all arms from Kasbin unless Persian agreed within twenty-four hours. A further discussion of the question at Issue between the members of the Persian Cabinet and the National Council evidently led the latter to see the advisability of yielding to Russia's demands.

notice of his dismissal. He is resolute in declaring that he would have
nothing to do with the negotiations,
and would only recognize the right of
the National Council to dispense with
his services.

The exact form of Persia's reply to
Russia is not yet known, but from
the latest news received from Teheran
it would seem that the cabinet had
overridden the wishes of the commission which the National Council appointed to deal with the matter.

It is not probable that there will be
a withdrawal of the Russian troops in
Persia while disorders such as those
at Tabriz are occurring. There are
only 200 Russian troops encamped
three miles outside of Tabriz, from
which guards are sent to town daily
for the consulate and banks.

From conflicting Russian and Persian accounts of the trouble at Tabriz,
it is difficult to ascertain exactly what
happened, but reports published in St.
Petersburg are to the effect that seveval Russian soldiers were killed in
the fighting there.

Sbuster Awaits Action.